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## MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Equal Opportunity Complaint Procedures (CG/CofS Policy Statement #0-29)

- 1. Commanders must ensure equal opportunity complaint procedures are disseminated down to every soldier within the Command and to all new soldiers upon arrival, as required by Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy, Chapter 6.
- 2. Everyone has the right to present complaints alleging acts of discrimination by military personnel, DA civilian personnel, and family members to the Command without fear of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment. Each member of the chain of command will ensure complainants are protected from reprisal or retaliation for filing an equal opportunity complaint.
- 3. I encourage the processing of equal opportunity complaints through the chain of Command; however, other channels are also available. Commanders will ensure military personnel and their family members are aware of alternate reporting channels, including higher echelons in the chain of command, Equal Opportunity Advisors, Inspector General, Chaplains, Provost Marshal, medical agencies, Staff Judge Advocate, and housing referral offices.
- 4. <u>False complaints:</u> Soldiers who knowingly file a false equal opportunity complaint (a complaint containing information or allegations that the complainant knew to be false) may be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
- 5. Anyone needing assistance in filing an equal opportunity complaint may contact the installation or unit equal opportunity advisor, or the USARAK Equal Opportunity Office at 384-0336.

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